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SUBJECT: PIER AT HOLY LOCH

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1. FCO HAS INFORMED US THAT HMG IS UNWILLING TO SPONSOR THE HOLY LOCH PIER PROJECT UNDER SLICE XXV OF THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. JACKSON (HEAD, DEFENSE DEPT, FCO) HAS WRITTEN US THAT "MINISTERS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT AT THE PRESENT TIME TO UNDERTAKE A FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEFENSE ACTIVITY IN SCOTLAND ON THE SCALE ENVISIONED." JACKSON STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH HMG IS "WELL AWARE OF THE OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS", THE PROJECT PRESENTS A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES, SOME OF WHICH LORD CARRINGTON TOUCHED UPON DURING HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN AUGUST.

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2. JACKSON STRESSES THAT HMG HAS NO DOUBTS ABOUT THE

OPERATIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROJECT AND NOTES
THAT IT IS THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSAL THAT GIVES IT MOST
OF ITS DIFFICULTIES. HE STATES THAT MINISTERS WILL BE
HAPPY TO RECONSIDER THE MATTER WITH US IN A FEW MONTHS'
TIME, WHEN THEY WILL BE IN "A BETTER POSITION TO GAUGE
THE LIKELY REACTION IN SCOTLAND."

3. JACKSON ADDS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, FCO AND MOD WILL BE GLAD
TO CONSIDER WITH US HOW THE PROJECT DESIGN CAN BE
ADAPTED TO MAKE IT MOST LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE. IN
THIS CONNECTION, NAVEUR WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH ADDRES-
SEES POSSIBLE DESIGN CHANGES TO MAKE THE PROJECT MORE
ATTRACTIVE.
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